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DEPT PASS FAA ATLANTA ASO-IF, FOR SHERRILL. LIMA AND FAA MIAMI FOR
IRISH

TAGS: ETRN, BL

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FAA INSPECTOR

REFS: (A) LA PAZ 1086; (B) LIMA 1461; (C) FAA ATLANTA (SHERRILL)

MESSAGE FEBURARY 27 AND FEBURARY 28

1. EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES THAT FAA AGREE INSPECT LAB 727-100 AND
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AT NOT COST TO COMPANY

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION. FIRST
IS SIMPLE DESIRE TO CLARIFY APPARENTLY DANGEROUS SITUATION WITH
RESPECT TO SAFETY OF LB'S PRINCIPAL AIRCRAFT AND DESIRE TO RESPOND
TO REQUEST OF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT. SECOND, U.S. GOVERNMENT
HAS HAD INTEREST DEVELOPMENT OF LAB AND THIS AIRCRAFT THROUGH PAST
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PRESENT FINANCING THROUGH EXIM BANK,
RESPECTIVELY. THIRD, DIFFICULTY NOW BEING CAUSED BY DOUBTS ABOUT
SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT ON MOVEMENT OF U.S. MISSION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.
QUESTION ARISES WHETHER IT IS RISKIER TO FLY LAB JET OR CHARTERED
UNSHCEDULED LIGHT PLANES. FINALLY, REALIZING THAT GOB WAS PLACING
US IN DIFFICULT POSITION WHEN IT MADE REQUEST WE WERE CAREFULLY
NONCOMMITTAL RE POSSIBILITIES OF FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO REQUEST UNTIL
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FEBRUARY 27 FAA MESSAGE RECEIVED. ASSUMING THEN THAT IRISH'S MESSAGE

OF FEBRUARY 22 HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WE THEN PASSED GOB
AFFIRMATIVE REPLY. FAA MESSAGE FEBRUARY 28 CANCELLING FEBRUARY27
MESSAGE WILL CAUSE US EMBARRASSMENT WHEN WE TRY TO EXPLAIN TO GOB
THAT FAA REP MAY NOT COME ON MARCH 5.

3. WITH REGARD TO STATEMENT SECOND FAA MESSAGE FEBRUARY 28

THAT IRISH PERFORMED INVESTIGATION FAA REP RUCHMAN PLANNED WE NOTE
THAT RISH TOLD US THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT INSPECT AIRCRAFT NOR ITS
MAINTENANCE RECORDS. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT LAB
PURCHASED 727 DIRECT FROM BOEING FACTORY.

4. LAB HAS LET LOCAL PRESS KNOW THAT IT CONSIDERING EXTENDING
727'S FLIGHT TIME BEFORE OVERHAUL TO 10,000 HOURS AND STATES THAT
AIRCRAFT HAS NOW LOGGED 8,200 HOURS. OVERHAUL HAD BEEN SCHEDULED
FOR MARCH 3 AND THIS HAD BEEN PUBICALLY ANNOUNCED.
STEDMAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED FAA ATLANTA ASO-IF

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